

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION
3:21-cv-603-MOC**

ANDRE ALEXANDER BLAKE,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	ORDER
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KILOLO KIJAKAZI,)	
Acting Commissioner of)	
Social Security)	
Defendant.)	
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THIS MATTER is before the Court on Plaintiff's Consent Motion for Attorney Fees

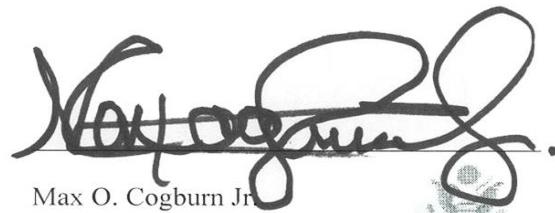
Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)(1)(A). (Doc. No. 20). Plaintiff requests EAJA fees in the amount of \$7,022.59. Both parties have agreed to this amount. Having reviewed the motion, supporting materials, memorandum in support, and the case file, the Court determines that Plaintiff should be awarded an attorney's fee under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), in the amount of \$7,022.59.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Plaintiff's Consent Motion for Attorney Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)(1)(A), Doc. No. 20, is **GRANTED**, to the extent that the Court will award attorney fees in the amount of \$7,022.59. Payment will be made by check payable to Plaintiff's counsel in accordance with Plaintiff's assignment to his attorney of his right to payment of attorney's fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act, and that pursuant to Astrue v. Ratliff, 560 U.S. 586 (2010), the fee award will first be subject to offset of any debt Plaintiff may owe to the United States. The Commissioner will

determine whether Plaintiff owes a debt to the United States. If so, the debt will be satisfied first, and if any funds remain, they will be made payable to Plaintiff and mailed to Plaintiff's counsel. If the United States Department of the Treasury reports to the Commissioner that the Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, the government will exercise its discretion and honor an assignment of EAJA fees and pay the awarded fees directly to Plaintiff's counsel. No additional petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) shall be filed.

Signed: June 27, 2023



Max O. Cogburn Jr.
United States District Judge